

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: FRANCES HUNTER DRIVE, Establish new Residential Parking Zone on both sides between Dixwell Avenue and Ashmun Street (Alderman Morehead).
REPORT: 1451-06
ADVICE: Approval; Add to RPZ#12

BACKGROUND

Alderman Gregory Morehead, Alderman of the 22nd Ward, proposes that Frances Hunter Drive be established as a Residential Parking Zone (RPZ). Frances Hunter Drive is a one block long street in the Dixwell neighborhood which runs between Ashmun Street and Dixwell Avenue, configured when the Elm Haven replacement project known as Monterey Place went forward. Originally known as Eaton Street before the Elm Haven public housing project was construction in the 1940's, the street was reconfigured with 20 new single family homes and named around 2003 for Francis Hunter, one of the outstanding citizens of the community. The street is included in Planned Development Unit #106 which was known as Eaton Row.

Alderman Morehead who resides at 13 Frances Hunter Drive notes persons parking on Frances Hunter Drive appear to be employees of the new Yale Health Center, Science Park, or Yale University. Posting this street for residential parking will likely move parkers further north to Webster Street where the Alderman might consider proposing the zone be extended even further to the north.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Section 29-55 of the Code of Ordinances enables the establishment of RPZs which may be created by the Board of Aldermen upon petition from residents. There is an existing RPZ immediately south of the proposed area, Residential Parking #12 which was established in 2009 following proposal by Alderman Morehead (CPC 1430-09) and expanded to the north (CPC 1432-10). The RPZ is bounded by Bristol Street to the north, Lake Place to the south, Dixwell Avenue to the west, and Ashmun Street to the east. Frances Hunter Drive is one block north of Bristol Street and would be a likely addition to the zone. The appropriate petition was filed with the submission.

ADVICE

Approval; Extend boundary of RPZ #12 to include Frances Hunter Drive.

ADOPTED: April 20, 2011
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director